



Gooden Reserve Netball Association (GRNA)

# General Policies & Processes

Developed in accordance with the International Netball Federation  
Rules 2020 edition.

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## Uniform Policy

GRNA requires players to abide by the International Netball Federation Rules 5.1.1, with some modifications as per below.

- (i) During a match players must wear:
  - a. Registered playing uniform and suitable sports footwear (spiked soles are not allowed). Suitable sports footwear means appropriate athletic running or training shoes. Casual or fashion shoes such as Converse, Sketchers, Nike Airforce Ones and other such shoes are not permitted.
  - b. Playing position initials 150 mm (6 in) high which must be clearly visible and worn above the waist, front and back.
- (ii) Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:
  - a. No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape. In the interest of fairness across the many cultural and religious groups within the association, GRNA does not allow players to wear a wedding ring.
  - b. A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape.
  - c. Fingernails must be short and smooth.
  - d. Hair must be suitably tied back.

## Additional GRNA Uniform Rules

- (i) The INF Rules include no mention of wearing gloves, meaning it is not permitted. GRNA has ruled that gloves are prohibited during games.
- (ii) The Netball Australia rules state that nails must be short and smooth (acrylic or natural). Due to the increased risk of injury, GRNA does not permit acrylic nails.
- (iii) Hair accessories such as claw clips, large bow clips or plastic headbands are not permitted. Flat clips and bobby pins are allowed.

## Gala Day Uniform Policy

Given the nature of annual Gala Day celebrations, GRNA allows some changes to the uniform policy.

- (i) Some headwear is allowed.
- (ii) Some costume accessories or fancy dress is allowed.

Approved changes will be communicated in preparation for the Gala Day Round Robins each year.



## Weather Policies

GRNA adopts the Netball NSW Adverse Weather Policy

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/sites/nsw/files/2021-06/20210622%20Netball%20NSW%20Adverse%20Weather%20Conditions%20Policy%20V3.pdf>

Cancellation of Games due to adverse weather

### *Prior to play*

Adverse weather announcements will be communicated via Stack Team App by 11am on Saturdays.

### *During Play*

Dependent on the type of adverse weather, GRNA adopts the following process:

- (i) Suspend play temporarily – remainder of the quarter in play or the following quarter.
- (ii) Suspend play indefinitely. In the case play is suspended indefinitely the following policy applies to game scores/point.
  - a. Games already played (completed) – as per score sheet
  - b. Games in progress – Half time scores recorded only
  - c. Games suspended – all teams will receive 1 point each (draw)
- (iii) If all games are cancelled, the entire round will be moved to the end of the season (week 15 or 16). Subsequent cancelled rounds will not be rescheduled. All teams will receive 1 point (draw).

## Forfeit Policy & Process

Team Managers/Coaches must notify their Club Coordinator of a planned forfeit by 5pm Friday. The exception to this is in the case of serious illness (such as COVID) or some form of emergency. In these instances, please notify your Club Coordinator by 11am Saturday.

Options for communication include the Stack TeamApp Chat Function (select GRNA Committee or your Club representatives).

Or Email

St Matthews Uniting Netball Club: [stmatthewsnetballclub@hotmail.com](mailto:stmatthewsnetballclub@hotmail.com)

Northmead Uniting Netball Club: [northmeadnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:northmeadnetballclub@gmail.com)

If there are any Saturday's your team knows they are unavailable (due to School exams, camp, travel etc), please advise your Club Coordinator and the GRNA Draw Convener at the commencement of



the season so that games can be rearranged ahead of time, to prevent the unnecessary loss of points. Some divisions do have a bye and we may be able to switch your bye to accommodate your planned forfeit.

GRNA Draw Convener: [grn drawconvener@gmail.com](mailto:grn drawconvener@gmail.com)

### Parent Helper Duties

GRNA relies on the support of its playing community to successfully run our Saturday competition each year. Some of the duties we request include court set up duty and canteen duty. The parent helper duty roster is released with the draw at least two weeks prior to the season commencing. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager/Coach to review the roster and advise the teams parents accordingly.

### Unavailability

If your team cannot complete their rostered duty, the team Manager/Coach must advise the relevant Club Coordinator at least one week in advance so that other arrangements can be made. Please note, this does not mean you skip your shift. Your shift will take place at a later date.

### Forfeits

If your team forfeits on the day of your rostered duty, GRNA would appreciate it if the team could complete the rostered duty. If this is not possible, a swap will be arranged. Please note that forfeits need to be advised to the Club Coordinator and Draw Convener by 5pm on Friday (if not earlier).

### Failure to complete parent helper duties

Failure to complete parent helper duties as per the roster will result in an automatic forfeit for the team AND a one-week suspension (the following week). As a consequence, the team can lose up to four points.

### Child Safe Sport

GRNA is committed to providing a safe environment for all people, especially minors (under 18 years). Whilst a child's welfare and the supervision of a child is the ultimate responsibility of the parent, any persons working with children under the umbrella of GRNA, is required to follow the below policies and processes.

More information about how GRNA keeps children safe, can be found in our **Child Safeguarding Policy**.



## Working with Childrens Check

All people 18 years and above are required to hold a Working with Children's Check. The completed WWCC, with confirmed number and the individuals full name and Date of Birth must be provided to the individuals club representatives upon registration as a volunteer (Coach, Manager, Committee Rep, Umpire etc). From 2024 onwards, GRNA will be keeping a register of all volunteers WWCC, in accordance with our Child Safeguarding Policy.

To apply for a Working with Childrens Check, visit

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check>

Coaching children 5 years to 12 years – Please refer to our Child Safeguarding Policy

Coaching children 13 years to 18 years - Please refer to our Child Safeguarding Policy

Minors in Coaching Positions

Where a minor (person under 18 years) is coaching a team, GRNA enforces the below policy.

- (i) The team Manager must be an adult (18 years and above) and must meet the following conditions:
  - a. The individual must hold a valid working with children's check.
  - b. The individual must complete either the GRNA Child Safe Sport Training Video or Module 1 of the Child Safe Sport eLearning package available at <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/running-your-club/safe-and-fair-clubs/child-safe-sport/child-safe-sport-workshops>
  - c. The individual must attend the required Child Safeguarding Policy training. This may take place online or in person.
- (ii) Any online group communication must adhere to either (taken from the GRNA Social Media Policy):
  - a. The coach/managers (minor) parent/s are to be included in the membership group and will either relay information to the coach/manager (minor) OR supervise the chat, stepping in to protect the minor when necessary.
  - b. All members of the group chat 18 years and above must hold a valid working with children's check. And all members must agree to the group chat being monitored by the teams club committee or by GRNA representatives.
  - c. Under no circumstances is a parent permitted to contact the Coach (minor) via social media, online chat, text message or phone call.
  - d. Social Media connections between the Coach (minor) and team parents is strictly prohibited.



- (iii) Transportation
- a. The Coach (Minor Driver) is prohibited from transporting team members to and from training or games.
  - b. The Coach (Minor) is prohibited from being transported by a team parent who does not hold a valid Working with Children's Check, unless they are related by blood or marriage (e.g., Aunty, Brother-in-Law, Stepsister etc)

### Child Safety at Training

Training is held between Monday and Thursday from 3:30pm to 8:30pm at Gooden Drive Reserve Netball Courts, Baulkham Hills.

#### *Supervision at training*

Supervision of children at training, is the responsibility of the parent/s or guardian/s.

During training (usually 60 minutes) the parent/s must always remain onsite. Where this is not possible, the parent/s or guardian/s must arrange for another adult to supervise their child/ren and, advise the Coach and Manager of this. It is not the Coach or Manager's responsibility to supervise children.

All adults and children are to abide by the GRNA Code of Conduct and GRNA Policies at all times.

#### *First Aid at Training*

The Coach and Manager may provide simple First Aid to injured players at training. This includes providing an ice pack, washing a wound or applying a band aid. Any other treatment is the responsibility of the parent/s or guardian/s.

### Child Safety on Game Days

Supervision of children on game days is the responsibility of the parent/guardian/s.

If a parent/guardian is not able to be present, they must elect another adult to supervise their child/ren and advise the Coach or Manager on this. It is not the Coach or Manager's responsibility to supervise children.

All adults and children are to abide by the GRNA Code of Conduct and GRNA Policies at all times.

#### *First Aid on Game Day*

The Coach and Manager may provide simple First Aid to injured players courtside. This includes providing an ice pack, washing a wound or applying a band aid. Any other treatment is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.



First Aid assistance and supplies are available in the club house. The canteen keeps ample stock of ice packs.

For serious injuries, a committee member will arrange an ambulance. An incident/injury form must be completed. This can be found on the back of the score sheet.

### Injury/Illness or other Incident Report

Injuries, illness and other incidents that happen at either training or games, are to be documented and submitted to GRNA.

The injury/Illness or other Incident form can be found on the back of the score sheet or, from the clubhouse.

The form is to be completed for players, umpires, coaches, spectators, and volunteers. This is especially important if an insurance claim is required.

### Canteen

Our canteen operates thanks to the hard work of volunteers, including parent helpers.

Canteen offerings are restricted by Council and legislative requirements and, we are subject to random Occupational Health & Safety and Food Safety Inspections. As such, the following policies apply to our Canteen:

- a. Persons aged under 16 years of age are not permitted to be in the canteen.
- b. When preparing food, gloves must be worn
- c. Hair is to be suitably tied at all times
- d.